

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am taking the time out of my busy day to write to you regarding HR 4026, a bill introduced to protect the over the air radio stations from (pay) satellite radios offering of local traffic and weather forecasts.

What could the sponsors Chip Pickering and Gene Green have possibly been thinking? We are no longer protecting the local mom & pop radio stations as they have been bought up by the large monopolies (thanks in part to support / protection by the FCC and Legislators). The media we watch, read and listen to is now controlled by the very few. What is next, state controlled content?

Along comes a new ?threatening? technology, (satellite radio), much the way the telegraph looked to the pony express, the television to radio or the internet to the printed media. Instead of embracing this new media you are taking the stance of the lobbyists, blindly following the money trail.

I am a registered voter and I do vote every election! Because of my dissatisfaction with the existing over the air commercial media I have made the investment in hardware and monthly subscriptions to take advantage of satellite radio and its benefits. I would never have dreamed that our government would attempt to force me to change back to radios commercial ?BS? just to hear local weather or traffic reports.

Just who are you supporting, your constituents or the lobbyists?

Sincerely,

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